

September 13, 2000

Dale Schepers  
Plant Operations Superintendent  
City of College Station  
P.P. Box 9960  
College Station, TX 77842

Re: Sandy Point Pump Station Improvements

Dear Mr. Schepers:

As you know, bids were received for the above referenced project on September 12, 2000. The three bids received and the total bid amounts are summarized as follows:

Bryan Construction Company	\$2,806,859.00
Boyer, Inc.	\$3,049,859.00
LEM Construction Co., Inc.	\$3,119,000.00

All bidders acknowledged receipt of addenda 1 and 2. All bidders included required bid security. No bidders opted to bid alternates in the bid form.

The apparent low bid of \$2,806,859.00 is approximately 11% higher than our opinion of probable construction cost of \$2,504,000.00. We attribute this cost difference to:

- The strong economy in the College Station/Bryan area and in Texas as a whole has resulted in a large volume of construction work. This places labor rates on construction projects at a premium.
- The relative complexity of this project requires a high degree of coordination in the various work sequences
- The project schedule

Based on the above factors, we believe that the apparent low bid of \$2,806,859.00 is reasonable for this project. Contingent on satisfactory review of legal counsel, we recommend the City award this contract to Bryan Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,806,859.00.

Dale Schepers  
City of College Station

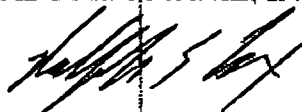
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Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information. We look forward to working with the City of College Station on the construction phase of this project.

Very truly yours,

MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.



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